

Sisters Grimm by Michael Buckley.
Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.
Call Number: JF BUCKL

Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park.
In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves. Includes author's note.
Call Number: JF PARK

Dreaming Dangerous
by Lauren Destefano.
At Brassmere Academy for the Extraordinary, twelve-year-old Plum and her best friends share adventures in dreams each night, but when Artem disappears they discover alarming secrets about Brassmere and its intentions.
Call Number: JF DESTE

The Invention of Hugo Cabret
by Brian Selznick.
When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.
Call Number: JF SELZN

The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt.
Seventh grader Holling Hoodhood isn't happy. He is sure his new teacher, Mrs. Baker, hates his guts. Holling's domineering father is obsessed with his business image and disregards his family. Throughout the school year, Holling strives to get a handle on the Shakespeare plays Mrs. Baker assigns him to read on his own time, and to figure out the enigmatic Mrs. Baker. As the Vietnam War turns lives upside down, Holling comes to admire and respect both Shakespeare and Mrs. Baker, who have more to offer him than he

imagined. And when his family is on the verge of coming apart, he also discovers his loyalty to his sister, and his ability to stand up to his father when it matters most.
Call Number: Jeffry Schmidt

Kristy's great idea: The babysitters club,
by Ann Martin.
When Kristy Thomas has the great idea to form a baby-sitters club--a chance to earn money and spend time with her friends, all while doing something they each love to do--she has no idea how much the club will change everything. Crank calls, uncontrollable toddlers, wild pets, untruthful clients . . . running a business is hard work! Kristy and her co-founders, Mary Anne, Claudia, and Stacey, are sure they can handle anything. But only if they stick together.
Call Number: JPB MARTI

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaimen.
After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own.
Call Number: JF Gaimie

GRADE 6

SUGGESTED READING



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Suggestions for Grade 6

City of Ember by Jean DuPrau.

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Call Number: YA DUPRAU

The Giver by Lois Lowry.

The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

Call Number: YA LOWRY

Holes by Louis Sachar.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Call Number: YA SACHAR

Towers Falling by Jewel Parker Rhodes.

"While learning about September 11th, fifth grader Dèja (born after the attacks) realizes how much the events still color her world.

Call Number: JF RHODE

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli.

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe and inspire everyone around him.

Call Number: JF SPINE

The Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Steward.

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Call Number: JF STEWA

Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey,

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

Call Number: JF PILKE

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo.

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Call Number: JF DICAM

Moon Over Manifest by Clair Vanderpool.

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.

Call Number JF VANDE

Storm Runners by Roland Smith.

Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.

Call number: JF SMITH

Triple Threat by Mike Lupica.

Twelve-year-old Alex Carlisle loves football almost as much as she loves her father but when she joins the Orville Middle School football team, not all of the boys, or parents, are pleased.

Call Number: JF LUPIC

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Call number: JF PALAC

Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel.

When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.

Call Number JPB OPPEL

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander.

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Call Number JF ALEXA

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly

Regan. An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a Swamp Monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her Barnhill.

Call Number JF BARNH

Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone by J.K. Rowling.

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Call number: JF ROWLI

Guardians of Ga'hoole: The Capture

by Kathryn Laskey. Soren, Gylfie, Twilight, and Digger, four owls, band together to seek the truth and protect the owl world from unimaginable danger.

Call number: JPB LASKY